GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RIGHT TO EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of comments received from State Governments regarding the Right to Education Bill, 2005, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the details of financial implications involved for implementing Right to Education to achieve the target fixed for literacy;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide incentive/Central assistance to State Governments to ensure Right to Education to every child between the age of 6 to 14 years, share expenditure on Education with the States, set up Central Universities and Institutions for higher Education and National Vocational Mission to upgrade the quality of skill formation in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a): Various states/UTs (Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, HimachalPradesh,Karnataka,Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Orissa, Pondicherry, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) had given comments in response to the draft Central legislation on Right to Education circulated in August, 2005. The detailed State-wise comments are available on the Ministry's website http://education.nic.in.

(b): The financial estimates prepared by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) for implementation of the Right to Education Bill, 2005, drafted earlier, to put in to effect the right to free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years, has since been revised to Rs.2,28,674 crores over a seven year period from 2008-09 to 2014-15. The 11th Plan allocation for the Programmes of the National Literacy Mission is Rs. 6000 crores.

(c) & (d): While preparing draft Right to Education Bill,2008, which is currently under consideration, comments of the States/UTs on the earlier draft Right to Education Bill, 2005 have been considered. In the present version of the Bill, it is proposed to provide that the financial estimates under Right to Education will be shared between Centre and States in accordance with such formula as the Central Government may determine from time to time in consultation with State Governments. The 11th Five Year Plan, endorsed by the National Development Council envisages, establishment of 7 Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), 16 Central Universities in uncovered States, 14 world class Universities and 370 new degree colleges in districts having Gross Enrollment Ratio in higher education lower than the national level. It is also proposed to set up 8 new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), 20 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) and 2 Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs). A Centrally sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education is being implemented under which financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for introduction of Vocational Courses in the Higher Secondary Schools.